

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY T. M. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2009**

Question

Would the Minister explain to the Assembly why there appears to be such significant discrepancies between the facts of the historic abuse case outlined by the former Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police and recent statements made to the media by his retiring successor and would the Minister clarify whether or not it is correct that the contentious 'skull fragment' has somehow been lost by the authorities?'

Answer

I am unable to read the minds of the former Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, and his successor, who has just retired. They are two separate individuals with their own viewpoints and interpretations of the facts. As members will be aware, the handling of the historic abuse enquiry is currently the subject of an ongoing investigation.

As regards the 'skull fragment', all exhibits from the historic abuse enquiry are accounted for. If the Deputy has evidence to the contrary, perhaps he should liaise with the Acting Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police.